[Geo. P. Keeports, Baltimore to Gov. Lee]

May It Please Your Excellency on my Return here Saturday No. 20 Morning I Serch'd the Stores in Town and have Found in Mess^{rs} Sterling and Alcocks Store 48 Largest Best Blanketts @ £ 100 Each. Mess^{rs} Hughs & Williamsons Store 28 d° a Size Smaller @ £70 Each and at another Store in Town d° a £80 Each. I have Bot the 28 & the Five at the Prices and have Engaged the 48 of Sterling & Alcock for which I am to pay them by thursday Next If not they have the Liberty of Disposing of them otherwise there is About 60 more Blanketts in Town of Different Sizes those that are of the Size & Quallity of them I have Engaged of S & Alcock they Ask 300 Dollars pr peice and some of the small Size but Good Blanketts a £ 60 pr peice which Prices I have Thought too High to make a Purchase of without Advice

The £5000 I Received Last did but Little more then pay the Ballance I owed Hatters and for 136 Hats more then I had made a Return of in my Account. I have the Favour of the Barer Capt. John Lorah to Wait on your Excellency with this Letter by whom you will Please to send me more Money to Enable me to Comply with the Payments I have Engaged to Make.

I did not meet with that Success Purchasing Linnen Saturday Last I Expected there was but a Few Yards Brot to Market and the Price they Ask'd from £8..10 to 9..10 pr yd

There is some Irish Linnen of yard Wide may be Bot from £8..10 to 9..10 pr yard If It wou'd do at the price the Quallity will Answer.

There is about 30 Pair of Good Buck Skin Breeches to be had @ £70 p^r pair which will Come Cheaper then Cloth Breeches Linned Throughout with Linnen and be much more Serviceable

Your Excellency will Please to Advise me if I am to Purchase any Irish Linnen and the Breeches at the Price

NB. There is about 600 yards of Coarse $\frac{1}{2}$ y^d Brown Cloth & Coating to be had the Coating will Answer for Sacks & Come @ £17..10 p^r y^d and the Cloth will do for overalls Comes @ £7..10 p^r y^d

[Jacob Giles Junr. A. C. of Ps. Mount Pleasant, to His Excellency December 8
Thos. Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir Your favour of the 19th Ult. I duly received would have been glad could you have supplyed me with some Cash as it is impossible to get supplyed fast enough from Philadelphia. however I Can go on no faster that I am supplyed as People in general wont trust an Hour. our Navigation being impeded by the Ice so soon this Season is an unfortunate circumstance as it Prevents supplys

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